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### Mass Adjustments to Correct Payment for Certain Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scan Codes

#### Key Words

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#### Provider Types Affected

Hospitals billing Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)

#### Key Points

- Effective January 1, 2005, the following Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) for PET Scans G0253, G0254, and G0336 were incorrectly mapped to Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) 1516.
- HCPCS codes G0253, G0254, and G0336 should have been mapped to APC 1513.
- The incorrect APC assignment resulted in overpayments to hospitals reimbursed under OPPS.
- Claims that contain HCPCS codes G0253, G0254, and G0336 with dates of service from January 1, 2005 through April 3, 2005, and were processed for payment between January 1, 2005 and April 3, 2005, were overpaid and must be adjusted to correct payments.
- The correction to the OPPS APC assignment was made in the April 2005 Release and will allow for correct reimbursement for claims adjusted with dates of service from January 1, 2005, through January 27, 2005.
- HCPCS codes G0253, G0254, and G0336 were terminated by CR3741, and replaced with new Common Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes effective January 28, 2005;
- As a result, claims containing HCPCS codes G0253, G0254, and G0336 with dates of service from January 28, 2005, through April 3, 2005, will be returned to the provider (RTPed) upon mass adjusting.
- Providers will need to replace the G code with one of the corresponding new CPT codes provided in CR3741 and in the provisions of the Claims Processing Manual 100-04, Chapter 13, Section 60.3.1.
- Contractors are mass adjusting appropriate claims.